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IN SENATE.

FRIDAY, Nov. 18

Mr. Hughes offered a resolution for raising a committee to enquire into the necessity and expediency of amending or repealing an act of last session, for the benefit of the Centre College; which resolution was rejected. Yeas 10 Nays 25.

The Speaker laid before the Senate the report of the Chairman of the Board of commissioners for the Lunatic Asylum; which was read as follows, to wit:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum, in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, requiring them to report, annually, the condition of the institution, beg leave respectfully to submit the following, viz:

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By an act of the Legislature, approved 10th of Jan. 1825, the Auditor, Treasurer, Register and Attorney General were appointed a Board of Visitors to the Penitentiary, for the purpose of examining the state of that institution, the health of the convicts, the manner of dieting them, the cleanliness of the dormitories and cells, and the treatment of the convicts generally, and to make such reports, additions, and other permanent improvements to the building and lot \$151 02; for the subsistence of the lunatics and attendants \$1 514 44; for the conveyance from different parts of the state patients to the Asylum \$887 64 and for various to her incidental expenses as clothing, medicine, stationary wages, wood &c the further sum of \$3 777 59 making altogether the sum of \$12 432 77; leaving in their hands at this time, unexpended the balance of \$315 81 together with \$2 500 of this year's appropriation, not drawn from the Treasury, as will more fully appear from the general statement and vouchers which were deposited in the office of the Superintendent, and recorded in the books of the institution.

Your commissioners beg leave further to state, that there were, as may be seen by a reference to their last annual report, thirty-three individuals who were at that time enjoying the full benefit of this institution, twenty-seven of whom were supported by the munificence of the state, and the remainder were under contracts made by the Board of Commissioners with their friends or guardians, to be supported out of their individual estates. That there are at the present time, fifty-four individuals forty-six of whom are supported by the bounty of the state; the remaining eight by contracts with their friends, two of whom are from our sister states. Within the last twelve months, seventeen persons have been completely restored to the exercise of reason, to the joy of their friends and society, and have been discharged at their own quiet and repose, as well as cared for but few may be considered as being partially repretted; although most of the remainders being cases of long standing or of most desperate character, seem not yet to have derived any essential benefit, yet topics are still entertained by your Commissioners and the medical faculty of Transylvania University, who have generously contributed their services gratuitously that even some of these cases may yet terminate favourably. Seven cases of mortality have occurred within the last twelve months.

From the appropriation of the last Legislature and during the present year, your Commissioners have been enabled to erect one of the wings contemplated in the original plan of the building the dimensions of which are 62 foot long by 22 feet wide, and three story high; which affords 12 commodious cells well adapted to the convenience and comfort of the inmates who require separate apartments for their own quiet and repose, as well as to prevent an annoyance to those around them. These apartments will be comfortably warmed without placing fire within their reach.

Your Commissioners are, as heretofore, deeply impressed with the importance and necessity of erecting another and similar wing to that which has been recently erected, which would render the establishment sufficiently capacious to accommodate all persons who might be sent there. It would, doubtless also add much to the safety and convenience of the institution, if the whole ground was so enclosed as to prevent the escape of individuals who should be permitted to go at large. As it now exists they must be pent up within two small enclosures, or be watched at an expense greatly disproportioned the value of a wall or fence.

The prisoners are fed three times each day, on common, wholesome food, which is prepared by persons regularly detailed to cook; and at the ringing of a bell, the whole sit down to their meals, each man's portion being before him. This method is considered preferable, because as time is saved in the preparation of their food, as well as in eating, and also, the health, cleanliness and comfort of the convicts greatly promoted. The convicts are clothed in summer with country linen, and in the winter, with fine garments, sufficiently variegated to be distinguished, in the event of their escaping. The keeper has lately adopted that plan of alternate changing the inmates of each dormitory, every night; thus preventing any combinations or well digested plots for escaping.

Great improvements are made, both in the quantity and quality of the articles manufactured, and instead of remaking on hand for the want of purchasers, there are but a small quantity on hand, and those principally of the first experiments, and the demand is daily increasing. The introduction of labor saving machinery, together with some new fixtures, promises fair to yield a considerable profit to the institution.

The visitors forbear to suggest their views as to what may be expected, when all the arrangements contemplated shall have been completed; but they esteem it their duty to say that, is now in a much better condition than it ever has been since their first acquaintance with the inferior management of the institution; and indeed, the present keeper appears to be peculiarly qualified for conducting the concerns of an institution of that description.

The commissioners will conclude this report of soliciting from your honorable body, a committee to examine the building lately erected with the condition of the establishment as generally and that the accounts be examined settled and a dis-

charge be granted to them by the General Assembly.

All of which is most respectfully submitted By order of the Board.

JOHN W. HUNT, Chairman

Lexington Nov. 18 1825

A bill to take the sense of the good people of the Commonwealth, as to the expediency of calling a convention, was read, referred, reported back with amendments, and ordered to a second reading.

The bill to repeal the reorganizing act was referred to a committee of the whole of Wednesday next.

The Senate concurred in a resolution from the house, for the appointment of a committee to examine and report the situation of the Lunatic Asylum and Transylvania University.

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That they had received from the public treasury, of this year's appropriation, the sum of \$7, 500, and from private individuals the further sum of \$824 37; making, together with the balance on hand of last year's appropriation, the sum of \$12 713 58. That they have expended, during the same period and up to the present time, the sum of \$12 432 77 viz For the new building \$5,735 74; for the purchase of additional furniture for the institution, \$651 74; for making repairs, additions, and other permanent improvements to the building and lot \$151 02; for the subsistence of the lunatics and attendants \$1 514 44; for the conveyance from different parts of the state patients to the Asylum \$887 64 and for various to her incidental expenses as clothing, medicine, stationary wages, wood &c the further sum of \$3 777 59 making altogether the sum of \$12 432 77; leaving in their hands at this time, unexpended the balance of \$315 81 together with \$2 500 of this year's appropriation, not drawn from the Treasury, as will more fully appear from the general statement and vouchers which were deposited in the office of the Superintendent, and recorded in the books of the institution.

On the first of February last, three of the aforesaid visitors attended at the Penitentiary (it being the day on which it was delivered into the hands of the present keeper) They found the institution in the most wretched condition the convicts, 84 in number in want of an entire new suit of clothing suitable for the winter, the most of them having on linen garments, and them entirely worn through, and exposing their persons in many places to the weather. The dormitories and cells in which the prisoners are confined at night and their bedding were filthy in the extreme and mostly worn out; nor was there a sufficient quantity to protect them from the cold. Some of the frames for the beds were broken down; none of them much larger than necessary for one person; but from there not being a sufficient number of them they had to lodge two and some times three together. The cells are inclosed only two small hasps and staples upon the upper doors and one on the lower with very indifferent padlocks, as the only securities against escapes.

The new cells were in an unfinisched state, having no floors, (with the exception of about ten in the upper story,) no doors but three, no platforms in front of them, nor were any of them plastered.

The top of the wall was finished by being plain gled over, and the roof surmounted by a light frame, on which were laid planks as a walk for the guard. This frequently afforded facilities to the convicts to make their escape.

The yard was inclosed with stone and rubbish which was left in the erection of the new, and the remains of the old walls. Part of the yard was so extremely vicious, from neglecting to cleanse the necessary, as not to be approached.

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Mr. Allen of Green from the committee on so much of the third section of an act, entitled for an act to repeal the law organizing the Court of Appeals, and to reorganize the said Court of Appeals, a propt. December 21st 1824, ascertained the office of a circuit Judge of the said Court of Appeals, he and the same is hereby repealed.

See 3d. *Be it further enacted*, that so much of the first section of an act to regulate the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, and for other purposes approved January 6th 1825, as allows said Judges two thousand dollars per annum, each he, and the same is hereby repealed.

And the said Judges, provided for by said section, shall hereafter, each receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, which shall be paid to them, and their successors in office, quarterly yearly, out of any money receivable in the public revenue.

Mr. Pope, from a committee, reported a bill to alter the use of electing representatives in Congress.

A bill to provide for the distribution and preservation of the Public Law Books passed to a third reading.

Mr. Howard from the committee to whom it was referred, reported a bill further to regulate the debt due the Commonwealth for the sale of vacant lands with a substitute; the substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill, and ordered to be read a third time.

The bill as amended, provides for continuing in force the acts of 1816 &c to indulge the debtors, until the 1st June 1827; and, also that the settlers may discharge the debts due them for land by paying into the treasury on or before the 13th of December 1826, at a certain rate (to be fixed on the third reading of the bill) per hundred acres.

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The resolution from the house to appoint a committee to examine the Bank of the Commonwealth and burn the surplus notes, was taken up, discussed and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Dudley, &c.

WEDNESDAY Nov. 23.

Mr. Allen of Green from the committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Judiciary submitted a report of considerable length, containing an argument against the present organization of the circuit courts, which the committee considers objectionable, as it requires but one judge to hold the court, and entrusts too much power to one man, being thus inimical in principle and tending to familiarize the people with institutions of a monarchical character; to remedy which, it is recommended to require two circuit judges to attend and hold each circuit court; and, to enable them to do so, proposes to reduce the number of terms of each county from three, the present number, to two.

The Senate went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Howard at the chair, upon the bill from the House of Representatives, to repeal the reorganizing act of last session.

The bill was read through. After the reading a silence of some time ensued; after which, Mr. Ewing rose, and expressed some surprise at seeing no person step forward to argue the question. It was, he said his opinion that it could not be more ably argued than it had been during the last summer. There was no man in the state, who could in his opinion, throw any more light upon it; he might be mistaken. In order he said, to know the intention of the senate with regard to the question, he moved to strike out all the bill, except the enacting clause. And the motion having been carried from the chair—Mr. Ewing suggested that if the proposition to strike out should carry, he would then offer a small amendment.

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Mr. Chenowith said, the former Judges had received 1500 dollars in specie before they gave their decisions, and he thought last year, 2000 dollars in paper, then estimated at 1000 dollars in specie, not exorbitantly high. But since then the paper had appreciated, so that 1250 dollars now was equal to 1500 dollars then, and he was surprised that gentlemen who were so tenacious of 1500 dollars then, should so bitterly oppose 1200 now &c.

Mr. Maupin thought the salaries too high last year, but the circumstance of the case had induced him to vote for them. The Georgia sum Nelson when in Congress had voted for very high salaries and had given in his experience, and it was natural for two great men to think and act alike.

Mr. Underwood thought it not the proper time to fix the salaries; but although he thought 1500 dollars sufficiently low, he was willing to fix it at 1200, with the belief that it would be raised in future years as may be thought expedient. If this bill passed and no other measure were adopted at this session giving the Court of Appeals jurisdiction, we should be giving to the Judges a salary of 1200 when they could render no services, and on those who proposed it, be the responsibility.

Mr. Breck thought in the circumstances of the country, the Judges would find reasons to be satisfied with the salary, and as there seemed to be a disposition in the parties to meet on the subject, he hoped it would be fixed at \$1200 &c.

The amendment was adopted, Yeas 75, Nays 12.

Mr. Chenowith was willing to reduce the salaries, but against repealing the act of last session; and most therefore voted against the bill.

The bill then passed yeas 55, Nays 37.

Years—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. J. J. Allen, Bainbridge, Blackburn, Breck, Breckinridge, Brown, Bruce, Bruton, Cowan, Cox, Crittenden, Cunningham, Davis, Duke, Dunlap, Dyer, Evans, Farmer, Forb, Gaines, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Grindley, Ilford, Hanson, Hardin, Harvey, Hutchison, James, Logan, Marshall, Mayes, McConnell, Morris, New, Owings, Owsley, Reed, Skyles, Slaughter, Sterrett, Street, Richard, Taylor, Robert, Taylor, T. Taylor, Timberlake, Thompson, True, Turner, Underwood, Wadell, Walker, Wilson, A. White, Woodson and Yantis—53.

Nays—Messrs. John J. Allin, Barber, Carter, Clay, Chenowith, Coleman, Coombs, Daniel Elston, Fletcher, Fulton, Hall, Husk, Luckey, Lee, Martin, Manpin, McChammon, Miller, Millan, Mullens, Napier, Nuttall, Perrin, Porter, Prince, Samuel, Spalding, Stevens, Tarlton, Thomas, Wade, Ward, E. Watkins, Wilcoxen, Wingate and S. White—37.

Mr. McConnell offered resolutions calling on the Governor for information relative to the amount of public arms received from the General Government, and their distribution, which was adopted.

Mr. Spalding asked leave to bring in a bill to reduce the salaries of the Circuit Judges. Mr. Harlin moved to refer it to the committee for Courts of Justice. This motion was opposed by Mr. Spalding on the ground that he had promised his constituents to make this proposition; that he was not a lawyer but a farmer, and knew well what such men can make; and he thought \$100, or \$1000 a sufficient sum, especially since the currency in which they are paid has much appreciated. Messrs. Nuttall and Hall hoped that the leave would be given without a reference, and were favorable to retrenchment and a reduction of salaries. Mr. Hanson was in favor of the reference. Mr. Felt was opposed to it, because he thought every man who was pledged to introduce any measure, ought to be allowed to do so. Mr. Green was in favor of the reference, because that committee is raised for the purpose of considering and maturing such subjects, and thus expediting the business of the Legislature.

The motion then prevailed, Yeas 50.

On motion of Mr. Wade the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Yantis in the chair, and took up the bill to compel free persons of color to work on roads &c. On motion of Mr. Hardin it was so amended as to embrace slaves over 10 years of age. Mr. McChammon moved to exempt all who furnished two hands, which was opposed by Mr. Chenowith, an adopter. Mr. Hall moved to exempt men over 50 years from acting as surveyors. Mr. McConnell moved 160. Mr. Wingate moved that the committee rise for the purpose of referring the bill to a select committee, which prevailed.

TUESDAY, Nov. 15.

Mr. Underwood from the judiciary committee, reported from the unfinished business of last session, a bill to add a part of Nicholas to Harrison county, which on motion of Mr. McChammon was laid on the table.

Mr. U. also reported a bill repealing all laws requiring clerks to make out complete records. Also a bill concerning the town of Henderson, which passed. Also a bill for the benefit of Eliza H. Yantis. Also by resolution, against the petitions of Margaret Row, Peter Shull and Nicholas M. Andersons, all of which was concurred in, after a narrow and unsuccessful motion by Mr. New to reverse the report which motion prevailed.

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of the Circuit Judges to \$1000. This was presented to by Mr. Spalding and advocated by Mr. McConnell, and adopted by Yeas 53, Nays 11. The resolution was then adopted.

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All these reports came from the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. Mayes from the committee of religion reported against the petitions of Nancy Hogan, Linda Lawrence and Mary Vandingham, for divorce, which was concurred in.

Mr. New from the committee on public lands reported a bill abolishing the office of Receiver of Public moneys west of Tennessee and assigning his duties to the surveyors of the several counties, and making some further modifications in the existing law.

Bills reported. By Mr. Barber a referred bill to increase the number of justices of the peace in certain counties. By Mr. Slaughter, for the benefit of Jacob Remond, which passed. By Mr. Walker, a referred bill for the benefit of Richard Lewis dec'd.

Leave was given to bring in bills.—On motion of Mr. Harlin for the benefit of J. C. Chenowith and others. Of Mr. Luckey for the benefit of Elisha Atkins, Of Mr. Ward, to organize the Kentucky enterprise company. Of Mr. Logan to revise a law relative to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Shellyville. Of Mr. Wilson, to give further time for winding up the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Russellville. By Mr. Underwood, concerning the town of Bowling Green. By Mr. McMillan, to provide for disposing of lands reverted to the state for non-payment of the state price. Also for the appointment of Trustees to Pikeville. Of Mr. James, for the benefit of the Soldier Creek Baptist Church. Of Mr. New, to reduce the salary of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Turner offered a resolution instructing the committee for courts of justice to enquire into the expediency of authorizing executions to issue on delivery bonds, and of repealing the law requiring property to sell for three fourths of its value—looted.

Mr. Breck intellec moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the resolutions offered by him relative to the Governor's Message, which was done and they were laid on the table until to-morrow. On motion of Mr. Hanson, the resolution for loaning the Commonwealth's Bank notes, was taken up, and adopted without opposition.

Mr. Morris offered a resolution instructing the committee for C. of J. to enquire into the expediency of allowing creditors to repossess real property sold under execution for less than half its value, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Maupin, the bill to alter the mode of taking in lists of taxable property, was referred to a select committee.

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The following are the assignments of errors, and briefs filed for the parties respectively.

ERRORS.—The said Thomas Bodley assigns for error, that the court below has given efficacy to, and enforced, some one or other of the enactments of the Legislature of Kentucky in favour of occupying claimants; whereas the said statutes, *and all* are contrary to, and in violation of, the compact between the states of Virginia and Kentucky, in relation to the separation of Kentucky from Virginia, and contrary to the Constitution of the United States, and therefore void.

2d. The said Gaither did not shew such title or cause as to bring himself within the benefit of the provision of the statutes of Kentucky.

3d. The Court erred in overruling the several exceptions to the report stated in the court below, and appearing in the bill of exceptions.

BARRISTER FOR BODLEY.

NOTES.—The assignments of errors, and appellants brief, though bearing the name of Mr. Barrister, are in the hand writing of George M. Bibb Esq. who is supposed to have appeared for Bodley in the place of Mr. Barrister.

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The principal questions, and the only ones presented to the court of justice, are to be referred to by the court of justice.

1st. Whether Gaither has such title, and presents himself in such a attitude as entitles him to the benefit of, and brings his case within the operation of the occupying claimant laws.

2d. Whether those laws are constitutional and consistent with the compact with Virginia.

BODLEY.—For the negative of both those propositions—Gaither contends for the affirmative and insists that the judgments of the circuit court are a violation of this salutary practice.

CHAPMAN, for Gaither.

At the present Term, on the 13th inst, Judge Owsley delivered the opinion of the court as follows.

BODLEY vs. GAITHER.

This is an appeal from a judgment rendered by the circuit court, in favour of Gaither, upon a report made out by commissioners, under the act of the Legislature of this State that passed in 1812, concerning occupying claimants.

Two questions were made in argument by the counsel of Bodley.

1st. It was intended, that the title produced by Gaither is such as to bring his case within the provisions of the occupying claimant laws of Kentucky.

2d. That the laws enacted by the Legislature of Kentucky upon the subject of occupying claimants are contrary to the compact between Virginia and Kentucky and therefore contrary to the constitution of the United States and void.

With respect to the first question, it is perfectly clear that the title produced by Gaither brings the case within the provisions of the law of this State concerning occupying claimants. The title of each party to the contest is derived under the land law of Virginia, and the title of both parties have their foundation of public record. To occupants having such title, the provisions of the act of 1812 emphatically apply.

The second question has long since been decided by this court. Shortly after the passage of the act of 1812, its validity was drawn in question, and finally decided in the case of Fowler versus Hubert, Spring term 1815, 4 Bibb 292. The provisions of the act of 1812 were, in that case, held to be inconsistent with the compact between Virginia and Kentucky, or the Constitution of this State.

That decision has been considered by this court as having settled the question of the validity of the act of 1812, and in that case, held to be inconsistent with the compact between Virginia and Kentucky, or the Constitution of this State.

Mr. Morris offered a resolution instructing the committee for C. of J. to enquire into the expediency of allowing creditors to repossess real property sold under execution for less than half its value, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Maupin, the bill to alter the mode of taking in lists of taxable property, was referred to a select committee.

Mr. Underwood offered a resolution instructing the committee for C. of J. to enquire into the expediency of amending the chancery and forfeiture laws of two former sessions, and remitting forfeitures incurred under them, which was adopted.

Mr. Spalding asked leave to bring in a bill to reduce the salaries of the Circuit Judges. Mr. Harlin moved to refer it to the committee for Courts of Justice. This motion was opposed by Mr. Spalding on the ground that he had promised his constituents to make this proposition; that he was not a lawyer but a farmer, and knew well what such men can make; and he thought \$100, or \$1000 a sufficient sum, especially since the currency in which they are paid has much appreciated. Messrs. Nuttall and Hall hoped that the leave would be given without a reference, and were favorable to retrenchment and a reduction of salaries. Mr. Hanson was in favor of the reference. Mr. Felt was opposed to it, because he thought every man who was pledged to introduce any measure, ought to be allowed to do so. Mr. Green was in favor of the reference, because that committee is raised for the purpose of considering and maturing such subjects, and thus expediting the business of the Legislature.

The motion then prevailed, Yeas 50.

On motion of Mr. Wade the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Yantis in the chair, and took up the bill to compel free persons of color to work on roads &c. On motion of Mr. Hardin it was so amended as to embrace slaves over 10 years of age. Mr. McChammon moved to exempt all who furnished two hands, which was opposed by Mr. Chenowith, an adopter. Mr. Hall moved to exempt men over 50 years from acting as surveyors. Mr. McConnell moved 160. Mr. Wingate moved that the committee rise for the purpose of referring the bill to a select committee, which prevailed.

The following are the assignments of errors, and briefs filed for the parties respectively.

ERRORS.—The said Thomas Bodley assigns for error, that the court below has given efficacy to, and enforced, some one or other of the enactments of the Legislature of Kentucky in favour of occupying claimants; whereas the said statutes, *and all* are contrary to, and in violation of, the compact between the states of Virginia and Kentucky, and therefore void.

2d. The said Gaither did not shew such title or cause as to bring himself within the benefit of the provision of the statutes of Kentucky.

3d. The Court erred in overruling the several exceptions to the report stated in the court below, and appearing in the bill of exceptions.

BARRISTER FOR BODLEY.

NOTES.—The assignments of errors, and appellants brief, though bearing the name of Mr. Barrister, are in the hand writing of George M. Bibb Esq. who is supposed to have appeared for Bodley in the place of Mr. Barrister.

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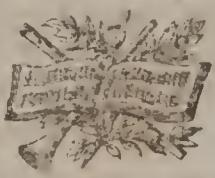
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In superior quality and at reduced prices; orders from the country directed to the BREWERY through the Post-office will be attended to.

CASH paid for Barley on Delivery

—ALSO

Fifty cords of good wood wanted

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November 25th 1825—47-21.

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Of every description neatly executed here

A CARD.

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TAILORS,

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GEORGE W. MORTON.

Committee

Nov 2 1825—44-1ds.

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JAMES F. BRADLEY,

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Cross-Plains, October 27th, 1825—44-1f.

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